Strike by the Employees of MTNL

997. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than forty thousand employees of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited had been on idefinite strike from 15th May, 2001;

(b) if so, what had been their demands; and

(c) how far these had been, met to the satisfaction of the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir. Only a notice was given.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Transfer of Existing Telephone Number

998. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what criteria arc adopted *by the* MTNL to transfer existing telephone number from onc phase to the other;

(b) whether it is a fact that the MTNL is illfully practicing to transfer existing number to applied place;

(c) whether it is a fact that the MTNL has not shifted telephone No. 5511522 to the new place without any certain reason; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) In MTNL Delhi, the shifting of telephones is carried out subject to clearance of bills as well as area being technically feasible.